

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA ORDINANCE

- (1) Political signs shall mean sign attracting attention to political candidates or issues.
- (2) Political signs shall not be located in the public right-of-way, public water canals or on other public property or on any utility pole or tree, except within specified proximity of polling places on election day, under rules utilized by the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections.
- (3) Such signs shall be limited to not more than 1 per candidate or issue on any single parcel.
- (4) Such signs shall be located on private property, with permission of the owner.
- (5) Such signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area per side and 6 feet in height, except where such sign is erected in place of another type of sign permitted at that location, then it shall be the same size and subject to the same conditions as such sign.
- (6) Where such signs refer to an election, they may be placed a maximum of 45 days prior to the election and shall be removed within five (5) days after the election, unless the candidate progresses from the General Election Primary to the General Election, in which case the sign(s) may remain in place until five (5) days after the General Election.
- (7) If there are more than 45 days between the General Election Primary and the General Election, then political signs for candidates or issues that will be on the General Election ballot and are opposed by a candidate in the General Election Primary, may be erected in accordance with the specifications of this section the day after the General Election Primary.

II. It is the declared intent of the City Council that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be so construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

III. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall automatically sunset two years from the date of adoption.

ADOPTED in regular session of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, this 5th day of November, 2008.

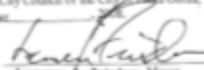
SIGNED Lawrence J. Friedman, Mayor

ATTESTED TO:
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APPROVED AS TO FORM
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DATED: 11/5/08

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